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YEARS GLIDE SWIFTLY

MR. AND MRS. D'LASHMUTT TO HAVE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Notable Gathering Will Be Held at Dallas Christian Church Next Monday Evening.

Fifty years ago next Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, in Salt Creek, Mr. Robert L. D'Lashmutt and Miss Orpha A. Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Campbell, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, the Rev. G. W. Richardson, then pastor of the Christian church, officiating. The wedding was attended by a goodly number of neighbors and friends from this then sparsely settled section of Oregon, among those present being J. M. Campbell, T. J. Campbell, Mrs. Sarah Black, nee Campbell, Mrs. M. M. Ellis, nee D'Lashmutt, W. G. Campbell, then of Fort Yamhill, Mr. Albert Allen, a brother of Mrs. Hardy Holman, who now resides at The Dalles, John Morris and Mrs. W. C. Campbell, nee D'Lashmutt. The latter two crossed the plains with Robert D'Lashmutt in 1860, and acted as bridesmaid and groomsmen at the wedding.

A recurrence of that happy event of a half century ago will take place at the Christian church in Dallas next Monday evening, arrangements for which are being perfected by the ladies of that denomination, Mrs. Butt being chairman of the committee in charge of the golden wedding celebration in honor of the long membership of the aged couple, Mr. D'Lashmutt having been a member for fifty years, while his good wife preceded him as a communicant by four years. A notable thing about the observance is that the same couple who "stood up" with the contracting parties fifty years ago when the nuptial vows were taken, will perform that same function again on this occasion, and furthermore all those whose names are given above as being witnesses to the marriage will also be present. The Rev. Barton Z. Riggs, a former pastor of the Dallas Christian church, will be master of ceremonies, coming from his home at Corvallis to re-unite this aged couple and to preside over the festivities that are to follow in celebration of the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. D'Lashmutt resided on a farm in Salt Creek four years following their marriage, after which time they moved to Eastern Oregon and then to Eastern Washington, where the greater number of their children were born. The husband was in Spokane, Washington, when that now populous city had but two slab shanties, and it was he who hauled the first wagonload of merchandise into that place from a landing on the Columbia river, there being no railway connections at that early day. Until 1890, when the family returned to Dallas to make a permanent home, Mr. D'Lashmutt farmed, raised stock and followed other like occupations. Being honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellow men, conservative in his business enterprises and careful about making useless expenditures, Mr. D'Lashmutt during his long life of activity reared a family of eight children and besides acquired sufficient means for the rainy day that comes with the ripened years. Those children who are living, and all of whom will be present on this notable occasion, are: Ernest L. of Turlock, California; George L., Herbert P., Robert F., Mrs. Clara Singery and Mrs. Elsie Hergeshiemer all of Celonia, Washington; William C. of Krupp, Washington, and Homer E. of Dallas. The celebration will begin at 7:30 Monday evening, and all the friends and acquaintances of this well-known and popular pioneer couple are invited to be present and tender their congratulations. There will be no presents, the principals to the affair desiring that no one should feel themselves under obligations to bring gifts.

Mr. D'Lashmutt is as full of reminiscences concerning early days in Polk county "as an egg is full of meat." The marriage license, which was issued by W. C. Whitson, then county clerk of Polk county, a copy of which he secured for the ceremonies on Monday, brought back to him memories of the happy days of long ago, and musically he recited various instances of that time. "Great have been the changes of a half century," he said to a representative of The Observer as he fondled his grey beard, "not only in the Willamette valley but throughout Oregon and the whole world. Only those who have lived the seventy-five years that I have can realize the wonderfulness of these changes and appreciate the advancement made, especially on this coast. From a wilderness it has been transformed as if by magic into a garden spot, populated by a happy, contented and prosperous people, the like of which would be difficult to equal anywhere. And yet it is only the beginning of what is eventually to come, when this famous valley will be trebled in population, and when its prosperity will be even more

pronounced than today. Many of the early pioneers are still with us today; many of those who endured the trials and hardships of homebuilding in a new country are now enjoying the fruits of their labors, and it is my hope that all these may find happiness and peace and plenty in their declining years. It makes the end of life's rugged road the easier, you know."

DIVERSIFIED FARMING PAYS.

Henry Nager of Near Lincoln Getting Results from Efforts.

It seems that at this time every owner of a farm, be it large or small, is seeking the best method to make it yield him a lucrative return for time and good money expended. To all such The Observer would suggest that they visit Mr. Henry Nager, a prosperous farmer near Lincoln. Mr. Nager owns about three hundred acres, part of which is on the Willamette bottom. Upon this he raises cereals of all kinds, enabling him, if the market suits, to realize from wheat, oats, barley, and rye. This year he has also twenty-five acres of alfalfa, from which he has sent the third crop, and so well pleased is he with the result from his experiment with this choice of grasses that he contemplates putting in a large acreage and by means of a ram in the river, installing a system of irrigation, although the grass has done well this year through natural elements. Mr. Nager also keeps about forty cows. From these he sells cream when the market is up, but when the price of cream goes down he converts the milk into cheese, having a fair sized cheese factory upon his farm, that is well filled with large, sweet Swiss cheese at this time. He says he makes money, but it is done only through methodical diversifying.

MAY ELECTRIFY ROAD

MR. HIRSCHBERG CONSIDERING IMPORTANT IMPROVEMENT.

Railway Between Independence and Monmouth to Undergo Betterment in Near Future.

Mr. Hirschberg, who owns and operates two and a half miles of steam railroad between Independence and Monmouth, is seriously contemplating the electrification of his line, believing that besides being enabled to render more efficient service the more modern method of transportation would prove more economical. The present steam equipment is somewhat dilapidated from long use, and inasmuch as improvement is found to be necessary in the near future, electrification appears to Mr. Hirschberg to be the thing. The Oregon Power company, operating in Dallas, Independence and Monmouth, would probably supply electrical energy, it being in position to furnish juice for the purpose at a comparatively low rate. While no definite plan has been decided upon, the proposed betterment is now being worked out and will probably reach culmination within a short time. One combination freight and passenger car of modern design and equipped with four 35-horsepower motors, and one small two-truck car for emergency purposes, are being considered. The former would be capable of handling as much tonnage as two ordinary freight cars, and would, in the event plans now in the making do not miscarry, be sufficient to care for the business for years to come. The estimated cost, including installation of all necessary machinery and apparatus, is approximately \$14,000. Under present conditions three men are required to operate a train of locomotive and one car, whereas one man only would be necessary under the proposed system. The actual running time is about three hours out of twenty-four. The saving under the proposed system is apparent.

Warden Gets Late Call.

What was apparently a forest fire beyond Falls City caused W. V. Fuller, supervising warden, to be called at 11 o'clock Tuesday night. He hastened to the fire. At Falls City the blaze lightened the sky brightly and it had all the appearances of a real timber fire. Mr. Fuller discovered its origin on the Miller place above Falls City, where the folks were taking advantage of the atmospheric condition to burn slashings. Mr. Fuller returned home about one o'clock forcibly repressing his opinion of the warden who failed to report the burning of slashings according to directions.

Pioneer Drops Dead.

H. W. Savage, well-known pioneer of Salem, dropped dead Wednesday morning in the yard at his home on the Garden road. He had eaten a hearty breakfast and had not been ill. Coroner Clough decided death was due to heart failure.

R. Y. Morrison and W. R. Coulter have returned from a hunting expedition on the headwaters of the La Creole. They succeeded in bagging one deer.

SPENDING DAYS IN EASE

COUNTY FARM OF REFUGE CARING FOR DEPENDENTS.

Greater Number There Are Aged Bachelors, Who Flitted Life's Opportunities Away.

For nearly twenty years Polk county has supported a farm for her indigent citizens, get today very few people in the county know of the existence of such a place. Although the farm is not owned by the county all public charges are sent there and furnish the chief means of support by the owner. The poor farm is on the county road between Monmouth and Independence and is operated by Charles Huntley, who has been entertaining the poor through many administrations of county affairs and through many conditions of wealth and paucity. There has been someone always at the farm since the first inhabitant was sent there many years ago. The population ranges from one to a score, and now there are perhaps ten living there, according to Judge Teal. Two of the residents died within the past month and last week two others were sent to the farm. There are no women there at the present time, and there are seldom any. Most of the poor-farm residents are old bachelors who have gone selfishly through life without families, caring only for their own existence and naturally careless of their savings bank accounts. As a result, when old age creeps up they find themselves friendless, alone and penniless. Judge Teal usually has a good deal to say to such fellows when they come before him, seeking county aid in old age and infirmity. The two old fellows who made the trip "over the hill to the poor house" last week submitted to a lecture from the judge that will direct them into more bountiful and more beautiful paths if they ever tread life's stepping stones hereafter. Hope is gone in man when he takes up life in a poor farm, but Judge Teal's lectures will make them regret to their dying day the egotistic, self-satisfying and vainglorious course that brought them to indigence. A man who brings no family into the world, who cares for no more in life than personal satisfaction, comes often to the sad end of the county charge. Seventy-five years is the average age of those who are at the Polk county farm. They are resting contentedly and easily awaiting a final summons, meanwhile chewing diligently on tobacco, bought with the few dimes they can earn in the summer time at picking an occasional box of hops, or putting in wood for someone when they manage to get to town. The popular diversion is solitaire, spiced with gossip, and the popular occupation is eating the good food prepared by the Huntleys. Now and then the old codgers muster up sufficient energy to carry them to Independence or Monmouth, and they there take in the delights that their own selfishness has denied them in their old age.

Years ago the Huntleys farmed the county charges for \$7, but that was before the day of "the high cost of living." Now the monthly cost amounts to about \$13. The residents occupy tents or houses, as they choose. The accommodations are comfortable and the food is plentiful and well-prepared. The surroundings are pleasant as is fitting for the culmination of lives that have brought nothing to the world, but are loved and respected none the less for the mere fact that they are human lives.

SPECIAL OFFICER HURT

POLK COUNTY PATROLMAN AT SALEM HOSPITAL.

Collision at Independence Results in Serious Injury to Motorcycle Officer Rathbun on Wednesday.

With a leg and arm broken and internal injuries as the result of a collision between his motorcycle and the automobile of O. K. Edwards of Portland, Officer Rathbun of Polk county was hurried to the Salem hospital from Independence on Wednesday afternoon. The collision occurred about a mile south of Independence when the officer lost control of his machine. The motorcycle was demolished and the auto badly damaged. None of the occupants of the Edwards car were injured. The officer came from Lebanon about a week ago for the special purpose of patrolling the main traveled thoroughfares of Independence to detect automobile speeders. Judge Teal was advised, when the accident occurred, that Mr. Rathbun had no friends in this country and that he was practically destitute. In view of this Judge Teal ordered the man to be cared for at the Salem hospital as a county charge. Mr. Rathbun said he lost control of his machine and went blind, driving head-on into the automobile.

MANY ATTEND PICNIC

NINETY DALLASITES ENJOY FREE OUTING AT SALEM.

Two Most Important Prizes Are Awarded to Employees of Railway Company From This City.

More than 1500 employees of the Southern Pacific company attended the second annual picnic of the company at the state fair grounds, Salem, on Wednesday and enjoyed seeing the Dallas representatives walk away with two important prizes including the tug-of-war and the fat men's race. Governor Withycombe spoke at the picnic and with the officials of the transportation company from San Francisco and Portland joined into the merry making right heartily. A special train brought many employees from Portland, and Eugene also sent a special. About ninety Dallas people went to Salem on the regular passenger trains and returned on the last train in the evening after thoroughly enjoying the day's entertainment. After a series of tug-of-war the Dallas shop men challenged the winning team from the Brooklyn shops, Portland, and easily won the event. J. R. Jones, storekeeper here, won second honors in the fat men's race after making phenomenal speed. A baseball game between the Brooklyn shop men and those from Beaverton was won by the former. Much amusement was furnished by a group of little boys in a watermelon eating contest in which a few Dallas youngsters were delighted participants.

Governor Withycombe spoke on "Safety First," laying much stress upon the importance of national as well as individual safety. F. G. Deek-each of the Salem Commercial club delivered an address of welcome and spoke on the efficiency of present day railroads. Superintendent F. L. Borchhalter, R. J. Clancy and C. W. Martyn were field judges; J. A. Ellis, assistant superintendent, was chairman and had charge of the sport events, and E. J. Becker awarded prizes for the contests. R. J. Clancy, assistant to the general manager at San Francisco, said that 25,000 residents of Oregon were supported by the Southern Pacific company and that it distributes annually for labor in the state, \$3,350,000. Its payroll in Portland, Mr. Clancy said, including the Brooklyn shops, contains more than 1400 names and amounts annually to \$1,400,000. In Salem its payroll sustains 186 with an annual disbursement of more than \$130,000. The payroll in Roseburg is \$380,000 and in Ashland, \$115,000.

Delayed By Derailment.
A derailed car on the train in which she was returning from Manzanita beach delayed Miss Ruth Nunn, eighth grade teacher here, an entire night and she arrived in Dallas on Tuesday, a day later than she expected to. Luckily for Miss Nunn the trouble occurred near a settlement so that the all-night stop occasioned little discomfort.

Mr. Orr Delivers the Goods.

Barnes' circus did not take all the money in town away with it. The City Steam Laundry received \$78 of its coin for laundry work. Three wagon loads were dumped into the laundry during the day, and the last piece went to the cars shortly before midnight. It was a busy day for Mr. Orr and his force, but he delivered the goods.

WHO CAUSES THE FIRES

FORESTER ELLIOTT SAYS PERSONS SEEKING JOBS.

Polk County Spends Large Sums Annually to Protect Timber Within Jurisdiction.

State Forester Elliott, who is in charge of the fire preventative arrangements, has this to say regarding the fires that are started annually. "About half the fires that are started each year come from maliciousness of persons desiring to obtain work as fire fighters, and by others desirous of improving hunting. This sort of lawlessness, it is pointed out, annually costs the state a large amount of money."

In view of this condition, the forester has called upon the governor to aid in the work of stopping the abuse and Governor Withycombe has been quoted as saying:

"So far as may be necessary," said Governor Withycombe, "I certainly shall be disposed to co-operate in every way I can with State Forester Elliott and the timber owners. It will be my aim to bring this class of law violators to speedy justice. If this can be accomplished best by calling upon the attorney general for aid, I shall not hesitate to seek his assistance, with the view of making some

examples quickly. A few convictions would have a salutary effect, I believe, and work for the good of the entire state."

The Polk County Fire Patrol association annually spends a considerable sum of money to protect the timber within this county, and its work, under the supervision of W. V. Fuller, is effective. It has jurisdiction over all territory in Polk county, and to it applications for permits to burn slashings should be made, thus coming within the law. Timber losses here last year were comparatively light, while thus far this season there has, practically speaking, been no loss. This is due in a very large measure to the efficiency of the service.

New Books at the Library.

Valley of Fear, Doyle; Jack Charity, Footner; Michael O. Holloran, Porter; Girl of the Golden Gate, Maloney; Cabbages and Kings, O. Henry; The Four Million, O. Henry.

The following books have been taken from the rental collection and placed in free circulation: The Invaders, Allen; Barnabette, Martin; Congress Woman, Curtis; Martha by the Day, Lippman; Making over Martha, Lippman; T. Tembarom, Burnett; Captivating Mary Carstairs, Harrison; Within the Can, Vieller; The Victim, Dixon; Dawn O'Hara, Ferber; Witching Hour, Thomas; Out of the Primitive, Bennett; Full Swing, Danby; Kilenen of the Orchard, Montgomery; Nancy the Joy, Richmond; House of Happiness, Boshier; Hands of Esau, Deland; Flame of Frost, Jones; My Rag Pickers, Waller; From an Island Outpost, Waller; Last Boy, Van Dyke; Everybody's Birthright, Laughlin; Ezekiel, Pratt; Misadventures of Three Good Boys, Schute.

PIONEERS TO ORGANIZE

CALL MADE FOR SEPTEMBER 23 BY THE COMMITTEE.

Membership of Proposed Society to Include Early Settlers of Polk and Their Descendants.

The organization committee informs The Observer that it is the purpose of many patriotic citizens of Polk county to make an earnest effort to organize a Pioneer's association on Thursday, September 23, the second day of the Polk county fair, which will be specially designated as "Pioneer Day." It had been the purpose of the committee on organization to name at least two delegates for each voting precinct to assist in the work of reorganization, but it has been found impracticable to do so. All persons interested in the movement are requested to consider themselves such delegates, and do everything in their power to help along the good work. Not only are they requested to be present themselves, but each is urged to bring his neighbor also.

It has been suggested that the name and style of this organization be known as "A Home Gathering of Polk County Pioneers and their Descendants," but this suggestion is only tentative, and is subject to amendment or revision by the members of the association. A speaker has been invited to address the pioneers, and the purposes of the organization will be fully set forth by selected speakers on the day of organization. The committee is especially desirous of having a large and enthusiastic gathering on this occasion. Any further information regarding the proposed organization will be furnished by Mr. J. T. Ford of this city.

MANY BRICKS ARE REQUIRED.

Number Used in Rebuilding Furnaces Would Erect Two Cottages.

In the rebuilding of the two mammoth furnaces at the plant of the Oregon Power company in this city, which improvement was completed late last week, a sufficient number of brick to construct two five-room cottages were used by the contractors, Sherman & Hunter of Eugene. Eight bricklayers were occupied a fortnight in the rebuilding of the furnaces, which had become dangerous through burning. The boilers had settled, and it was necessary to jack them back into their original position after tearing out the old work. The improvement called for an expenditure of about \$3,000.

Mr. Campbell Sells Ranch.

H. G. Campbell has traded a 100-acre ranch four miles from Dallas, on the Falls City road, to J. D. Anderson of Cottage Grove, getting there for a twenty-acre tract near the Lane county town, two residence properties in this city and some cash, all totaling \$12,000 in value. Mr. Anderson recently sold his big ranch at Cottage Grove to Mr. Van Nortwick, formerly of Dallas, and will come to Polk county to make his future home.

The farm which Mr. Anderson gets is one of the best in this section of the county, being well improved and exceptionally well located. There are sixty-five acres under cultivation.

CANTINE GIVEN CHARGE

FIGHT AGAINST ENGINEER LEWIS WON BY THE GOVERNOR.

Chief Executive and State Treasurer, Constituting Majority of Board, End Long, Wordy Battle.

Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay yesterday won their fight to make E. L. Cantine the actual state highway engineer, when John H. Lewis, state engineer, made a proposal of withdrawal from highway work. While declining to concur in the interpretation of the highway law announced by Governor Withycombe and State Treasurer Kay, Mr. Lewis said if the commission would enter an order relieving him of all duties in connection with the work and from giving a \$10,000 bond he would withdraw from all connection with it.

It was announced that the governor and state treasurer would vote for an order which will be introduced at a meeting of the commission today in accordance with Mr. Lewis' proposal and directing Mr. Cantine to furnish a bond of \$10,000. Mr. Lewis said he had always been willing to retire from the position of highway engineer provided he was assured by the commission that his interests would be protected.

Mr. Kay recalled that he had on several occasions informed Mr. Lewis that the board would enter an order protecting him provided he turned over the highway work to the chief deputy, as was intended by the legislature when it passed the amendment to the highway law consolidating the state highway department with that of the state engineer.

COBB & MITCHELL TO GET MILL

Rumor Has It That Timber Owners Want Falls City Plant.

There is a possibility, and even a probability, that Cobb & Mitchell of Portland, who are heavily interested in timber in the Siletz basin, will take over the plant of the Falls City Lumber company at Falls City, in which event the institution will resume operations and continue without abatement. This is the hope that is being handed out by lumbermen, who allege that they know whereof they speak, and likely has some foundation. It is said that Cobb & Mitchell have been financially interested in the construction of the logging railroad which extends into the timber of the Falls City Lumber company, and which has now reached a point where it may be extended into the timber of the former firm without large expense, the line being over the summit. The work of inventorying the assets of the Falls City Lumber company is still going on. The store stock has been inventoried, and the lumber in the yards is now getting attention from the receiver in charge of the company's business through his personal representative, Mr. J. Goldsmith of Portland.

Appreciate Good Roads.

The Albany Herald complains that automobile travel is forsaking the Pacific highway in the lower valley for the west side route, and attributes the cause to the poor condition of the roads through Linn county, while those of Benton and Polk are in prime shape. It is only another indication that good highways are appreciated, not only by home people, but those from abroad as well. The main thoroughfares from north to south through Polk and Benton are giving these counties much publicity by automobile travelers.

Hop Prospects at Ballston.

George Ball, the hop grower of Ballston, and Mr. Tillery of the same place were in McMinnville on Monday attending the circus. Being asked concerning the hop prospects Mr. Ball stated that in his judgment the poorest yards would produce one-fourth crop, and the best yards a two-thirds crop. He believed that prices were likely to rule high. The recent hot weather has stayed the ravages of the hop lice and in fact, has killed most of them. He thought picking in the vicinity of Ballston would begin from September 3 to 6.—Telephone-Register.

Automobile Crashes Into Buggy.

An automobile being driven at high speed and attempting to avoid another machine on the Salem-Independence road Tuesday afternoon crashed into and demolished the buggy in which Mrs. J. S. Fuller, who lives near Monmouth, was sitting. Mrs. Fuller escaped uninjured, and the speed fiends returned to render what assistance they could.

Independence Man Hurt.

A tire, which he was attempting to take from an automobile wheel, exploded and badly cut the forehead of Claude Skinner, owner of the Independence garage. The explosion, heard two blocks away, broke the wheel into bits and scattered it in every direction, one fragment striking a woman nearby.